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Rao Bahadur K. SITARAMA REDDI :—" When was the answer received, Sir? For, it says 46 were opened in the last year and with 107 of the previous year the total comes to 153. I think there is some mistake somewhere."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" No, Sir. There were many opened in the years previous."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—" May I know if the Government have considered the advisability of enjoining on all rural dispensary men that they should undergo some course of training in the ayurvedic system of medicine also by way of adding to their usefulness to the rural people ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" They do not propose doing it."

Extension of the Government Women and Children's Hospital at Mangalore.

*202 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government Women and Children's Hospital extension scheme in Mangalore was included, as promised, in the very emergent works considered in connexion with the budget for 1926–27 ;

(*b*) whether the execution of the scheme is still kept in abeyance and the public fund raised for this purpose now amounting to Rs. 30,000 made to lie idle in the bank ; and

(*c*) whether the contribution already promised by Government will be provided for at least in the next budget ?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the explanatory note relating to the motion for the supplementary demand of Rs. 100 passed at the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 24th January 1927 in connexion with the scheme for the extension and improvement of the Government Hospital for Women and Children at Mangalore. It is proposed to start work during the current year, the expenditure incurred being met from the public subscriptions. It is proposed to provide a sum of Rs. 30,000 representing the Government share of the cost of the scheme in the Civil Budget Estimates for 1927–28.

Agriculture

Stoppage of export of oil-cakes from the Presidency.

* 203 Q.—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Director of Agriculture has recommended the stoppage of export of all oil-cakes from the Presidency so that the agriculture in the Presidency might benefit by the retention of oil-cake in the country and what action the Government have taken in connexion with this recommendation ?

A.—The Director of Agriculture recommended in 1924 that the whole question of imposing restrictions on the export of manures should be examined by a committee to be appointed by the Government of India ; this recommendation was forwarded by this Government to the Government of India in the same year.

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Mr. C. GOPALA MENON :—" In view of the long time, I believe about three years, taken over the matter, will the hon. Minister be good enough to issue a reminder to the Government of India and expedite their reply ? "

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Even in 1926 the question was considered. We are now awaiting the report of the Royal Commission on Agriculture in the matter."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Does the reference to the Commission confine itself to the question of oil-cakes or does it include also bones ? "

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Indigenous fertilizers, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Will the hon. Minister be pleased to state whether any reminder has been sent to the Government of India ? "

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" No, Sir, because the Government of India said at one time that they were going to refer it to the Committee."

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" When did they say so ? "

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Notice."

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" With reference to the exact date the hon. Minister may take time. Will it be possible for him to refer to it approximately by giving the year, if not the month and the date ? "

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Towards the close of 1924."

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" May I know why the Government have kept quiet for this long time ? (Mr. Satyamurti : 'You must put the question to the ex-Minister.') I am asking the Minister who holds the portfolio now. If I should ask the ex-Minister, I have plenty of opportunities to ascertain in private."

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I do not know if the Government of India have since taken any action in the matter."

Mr. S. MUTTAYYA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know if this Government have expressed its mind in the affair ? "

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Not, so far as I am aware."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Am I to understand the hon. Minister to mean that to be able to make up his mind on this very simple proposal of putting an embargo on exports, it is quite necessary for this Government to wait for the report of the Commission ? "

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" The question of exports is a matter for the Government of India."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Then, does it mean that the Government have no power to do it without the consent of the Government of India ? "

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" No, we have no power."